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Dr. Tom Adams,

This is in continuation of my e-mails of Dec. 13, 2014 and Jan 22, 2014 regarding ARC 154 and earlier submission of the World Religions Curriculum of the Modesto City Schools, CA. The course contents of the Modesto course are important in making the students friendly and mutually respectful, and able to live amicably in our multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious society; eliminate xenophobia and minimize bullying.

**COURSE CONTENTS:**

CHARACTER TRAITS : Courage, Honesty, Loyalty, Respect, Responsibility, Civility, Compassion, Initiative, Perseverance.

Roger Williams -A brief biography

Anti-Defamation League's student handouts: Tips for effective communication; Listening with care

Finding Common Grounds - First Amendment;

Guidelines for teaching world religions

**WORLD RELIGIONS:**

Unit I: Introduction -1-2 week

Unit II: Eastern Religions : Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism -1 week each

Unit III: Western Religions -Judaism, Christianity and Islam - 1 week each

**EMPHASIS ON:**

Geographic location, history, culture and major beliefs of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Nine Character Traits of respect and responsibility ; & students are taught how to make comments without hurting other person's feelings

**RESOURCES:** Each world religions teacher is given: one copy of each of the following :

World Religions -Gabriel Arquilevich -Teacher Created Materials;

The Usborne Encyclopedia of World Religions;

Cambridge Educational Videos on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Sikhism

I shall be grateful if you find 15-20 minutes to discuss the issue with me on the subject since the Modesto course has given excellent results over the last 15 years.

Sincerely,

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